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# RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

## Programme of action for the elimination of the exploitation of child labour

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 1993/79, the Commission on Human Rights adopted the Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour. In the same resolution the Commission requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to submit to the Commission every two years a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action by all States and decided to consider the question of the implementation of the Programme of Action every two years.

2. In its resolution 1997/22, the Sub-Commission requested the Secretary-General to invite all States to inform the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of measures adopted to implement the Programme of Action and to report to the Sub-Commission at its fiftieth session and to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session.

3. Pursuant to that request, the attention of the Commission is drawn to the report of the Secretary-General to the Sub-Commission on the implementation of the Programme of Action (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1998/12), which will be available to the Commission at its present session.

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# QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

## Letter dated 31 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative a.i. of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the High Commissioner for Human Rights and to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the Israeli occupation authorities are continuing their various aggressive and inhuman practices on Syrian territory. On 26 August 1998, they fired flares at Ain Tineh near the village of Majdal Shams in the occupied Syrian Golan, causing the outbreak of a fire on unirrigated stony land near the border strip which was extinguished by the competent Syrian authorities.

I would be grateful if you would kindly have this letter circulated as an official document of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled "Question of the Violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine".

(Signed) Taher al-Hussami
Permanent Representative a.i.

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